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TOPIC Military Activities of the KVP Motorized Rifle Division Schwerin

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1. On 29 July 1955, a troop train consisting of 43 flatcars and 8 converted boxcars loaded with 6 x 57-mm AT guns, 6 x 76-mm guns, 30 trucks, and 150 to 200 KVP soldiers arrived at Pritzler from Binz. <sup>1</sup>
2. Between 5 and 10 August 1955, 5 to 6 T-34/E5 were daily observed at driving exercises in the Dollahn Uferberge (hills along the river banks in the Dollahn area). The tanks were located in the KVP installation. <sup>2</sup>
3. On 4 August 1955, 500 to 600 young persons, 14 to 16 years old, and approximately 100 KVP soldiers were quartered in the tent camp at the Binz railroad station. No activities were observed. <sup>3</sup>
4. Several hundred KVP soldiers, some with red-bordered black collar patches, were observed at drill and terrain exercises in the Dollahn Uferberge and on the Binz-Prora highway.
5. Approximately 25 trucks, 10 x 76-mm guns, 5 x 37-mm AAA guns, and 1 x 120-mm mortar were parked in the parking-lot east of the main gate of the Prora installation. A 37-mm AAA gun was observed at the vehicle sheds. Approximately 25 trucks and 20 pontoons were seen in the engineer parking lot west of the installation. <sup>4</sup>
6. KVP officers and personnel carried out firing practices with a 57-mm AT gun north of the installation.
7. On 19 August 1955, the installation seemed to be less occupied than previously. No heavy weapons were observed. Several small KVP details conducted terrain and drill exercises in the Dollahn Uferberge and on the Binz-Prora highway. Approximately 25 trucks and 20 pontoons were still seen in the engineer parking lot.
8. On 19 August 1955, a KVP troop train consisting of 1 coach, 4 boxcars, and an unidentified number of flatcars loaded with personnel, 12 trucks and 9 AT guns, presumably 57-mm, passed the Ribnitz railroad station and went in the direction of Rostock. <sup>5</sup>

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1. Comment. Elements of the Motorized Rifle Regiments and Artillery or AT units were transferred presumably from Prora to the training grounds of the division at Luebtheen south of Hagenow. Another troop train, presumably with the same destination, was seen on 3 August 1955. 25X1
2. Comment. Probably tanks of the Medium Tank SP Regiment stationed in Prora. 25X1
3. Comment. It is believed that members of the FDJ spend their holidays in rotation in this tent camp, which was reported for the first time in late June to be under the care of the KVP. They probably receive paramilitary training. 25X1
4. Comment. 25X1
5. Comment. Presumably additional elements of AT units transferred from Prora to the Luebtheen training grounds, south of Hagenow. See also par. 7 of this report. 25X1

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